

# Independence National Historical Park

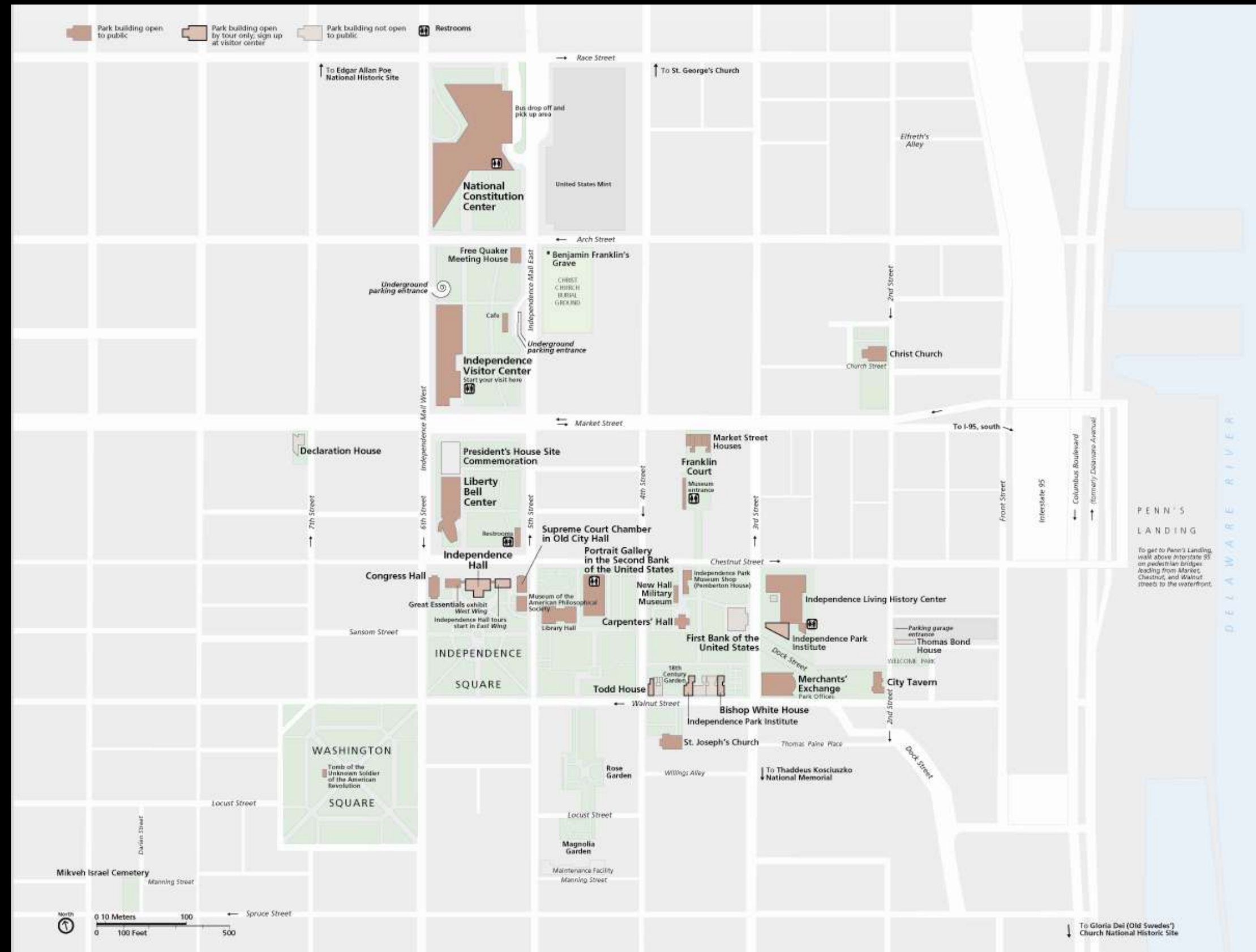
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Welcome to  
Independence  
National  
Historical Park

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We invite you to explore America's most historic square mile.



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Learn the story of a world famous symbol of freedom at the Liberty Bell Center.

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See the Assembly Room in Independence Hall where Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, and other delegates created a new nation.



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Independence Hall, the birth place of the country, is by tour only. Free timed tickets are available at the Independence Visitor Center information desk.



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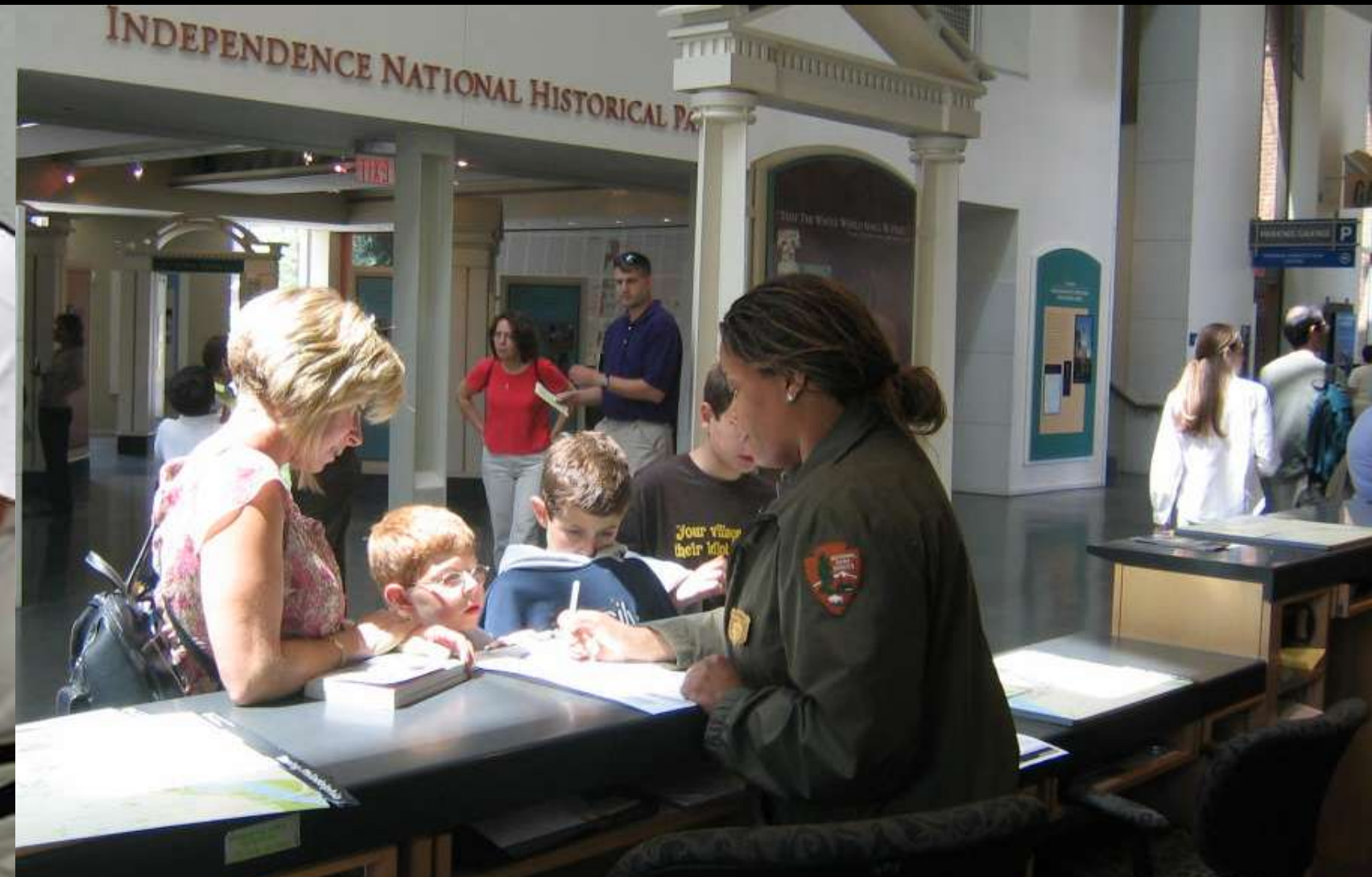


The Independence Visitor Center Staff can help you plan your visit to Philadelphia and its countryside.



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National Park Rangers can provide you with information about the historic area.



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Obtain your free Independence Hall tickets at the Independence Visitor Center.  
(Tickets are not needed during the months of January and February.)



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Free tickets for a tour of the Todd and Bishop White houses are available at the National Park Service information desk.



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## Assembly Room



## Court Chamber



Independence Hall is a highlight of the park; but, remember, there are many other important sites to see.



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Old City Hall was home to the U.S. Supreme Court  
1791 to 1800.



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In the West Wing of Independence Hall you can see the original printed Declaration of Independence, United States Constitution, and the silver inkstand used to sign them.



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## House Chamber



## Senate Chamber



Congress Hall was the U.S. Capitol Building from 1790 to 1800.



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Philosophical Hall is home to the American Philosophical Society, one of the many institutions founded by Benjamin Franklin.



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View the Liberty Bell along with exhibits which explain its history and significance as a symbol of freedom.



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The President's House Site will commemorate Presidents Washington and Adams and their household members, both free and enslaved.



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The Second Bank is the home to the park's portrait collection, and the "People of Independence" exhibit.



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Carpenters' Hall hosted the First Continental Congress in 1774.



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New Hall was used as the War Department from 1791 to 1792. It now houses the park's military museum.



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The Pemberton House is home to the Eastern National Park Museum Shop.



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Franklin's home in Franklin Court, celebrates his life and legacy. The Franklin Court Museum is located 20 feet below the remnants of his home.



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At the Franklin Court Printing Office, you can still discover how Franklin made a living as a printer in the 18<sup>th</sup> century.



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Next to the Printing Office is the Aurora Newspaper Office, founded by Benjamin Franklin Bache.



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Fragments of Franklin Court showcases 18<sup>th</sup> century artifacts and architecture.



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At the Independence Living History Center, you can see archeologists working on artifacts of the 18<sup>th</sup> Century.



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The Independence Park Institute allows students and teachers to discover archeology, life in the 18<sup>th</sup> century, and the wisdom of Benjamin Franklin.



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The Merchants Exchange Building is now the Park Headquarters. Built in 1834 by William Strickland, it is the oldest surviving stock exchange building in the country.



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John Adams once called City Tavern “the most genteel tavern in America.” Enjoy a taste of history in this fine dining establishment.



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The First Bank of the United States was once part of Alexander Hamilton's plan to place the United States economy on sound footing.



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The reconstructed Declaration House at 7<sup>th</sup> and Market, where Thomas Jefferson wrote the Declaration of Independence.



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Washington Square, home to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier of the American Revolution.



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The National Constitution Center interprets the impact of the Constitution on our everyday lives.



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The Thaddeus Kosciuszko National Memorial, at 3<sup>rd</sup> and Pine Streets, commemorates General Kosciuszko, who fought for freedom both in America and Poland.



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Edgar Allan Poe National Historical Site, at 7<sup>th</sup> & Spring Garden Streets, was home to the author of the *Raven*, *The Tell Tale Heart*, & *The Black Cat*.



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Ask a ranger for directions to visit the Germantown White House (Deshler-Morris), home to President Washington.



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## Gardens of Independence



The 18<sup>th</sup> Century Garden, at 4<sup>th</sup> and Walnut, is a popular place for wedding photos.



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The quiet Rose Garden, behind Walnut street between 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> streets, has original cobblestones from the 18<sup>th</sup> century.



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The serene Magnolia Garden honors the founders. It is located on Locust street between 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> street.



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## Gardens of Independence



Welcome Park in honor of William Penn, founder of Pennsylvania.



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## Christ Church



## Saint Josephs



## Free Quaker Meeting House



Visit historic places of worship including, Christ Church, Old Saint Joseph, and the Free Quaker Meeting House.



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Nearby are Old St. Georges Methodist Church, and Mikveh Israel Cemetery, founded in part by William Penn.



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Mother Bethel and St. Thomas African Episcopal Church,  
associated with the Underground Railroad Network for  
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Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church National Historic Site was built in 1700 and is the oldest church in Pennsylvania.



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Finally, the Benjamin Franklin National Memorial, which is located within the foyer of the Franklin Institute.



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**We hope you have an enjoyable and safe visit.**

- Remember to cross all streets at crosswalks
- Watch your step on the historic sidewalks
- Be aware of your surroundings





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**Help preserve these historical resources by:**

- **Throwing trash in proper receptacles**
- **Refraining from eating or drinking in historic buildings**
- **Taking only pictures and leaving only footprints**





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Please enjoy your visit and “Let Freedom Ring”



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